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SUBJECT: UN CHARTER REVIEW

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1. SLOWING OF PACE OF PARA BY PARA DISCUSSION DUE TO INTEREST
IN DISCUSSING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT (REFTEL B) COMBINED WITH
SOVIET SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT BEING FLEXIBLE HAVE LED KOLESNIK
(USSR) TO BACK AWAY FROM IDEA OF TRYING TO BEGIN LISTING
OPERATION THIS YEAR (REFTEL A).

2. US AND UK DELOFFS HAVE SOUGHT TO CONVINCE KOLESNIK THAT
BASIC RATIONALE FOR TACTICS CONTAINED REFTEL B STILL APPLY
INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR UTILITY OF TRYING TO SILENCE GA BY
HAVING REPORT DEMONSTRATE THAT COMITE HAS MOVED TO NEXT STAGE
BUT THAT SINCE WORK ON THAT STAGE IS IN PROGRESS THE MANDATE
SHOULD BE LEFT UNCHANGED. ALTHOUGH HE ADMITS THAT TACTIC WORKED
AT 31ST UNGA AND MIGHT WORK AT 32ND, HE SAYS THE SLOWER WE MOVE
THE BETTER. EMBARRASSED NATURE OF KOLESNIK'S DEFENSE OF HIS
POSITION SUGGESTS TO US AND UK DELS HE BEING PUSHED BY
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HARDLINERS IN MISSION OR MOSCOW OR POSSIBLY BY EXTREME
HARDLINE SECT OFFICIAL YURI RYBAKOV.

3. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO PRESS KOLESNIK TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE
AND TAKE A SLIGHTLY LONGER-RANGE VIEW. WE SHALL MOREOVER NOT
ASSIST HIM IN ANY FILIBUSTER. WE BELIEVE IT REMAINS IN OUR
INTEREST TO AVOID COMPLETE BREACH IN QUADRAPARTITE COOPERATION

IF AT ALL POSSIBLE SINCE OPEN BREACH WILL ENCOURAGE THE RADICALS TO PRESS HARD FOR CHANGES WE WOULD FIND IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCEPT. SOVIETS, MOREOVER, MAY FEEL FREER TO STIR UP TROUBLE IN THE NON-CHARTER AMENDMENT AREA WHICH WILL CAUSE US MORE GRIEF THAN IT WILL THEM. THESE SORTS OF TACTICAL DIFFERENCES WITH SOVIETS COMPLAINING ABOUT ANGLO-AMERICAN SOFTNESS AND WE COMPLAINING OF THEIR UNREASONING RIGIDITY ARE AFTERALL NOTHING NEW IN THIS EXERCISE. SOVIETS ARE SEEN BY OTHER COMITE MEMBERS AS MORE EXTREME IN THEIR RIGIDITY THAN US, UK AND EVEN FRANCE SO WE ARE NOT PAYING INTOLERABLE COST FOR THEIR TACTICS.

4. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT GONZALEZ GALVEZ HAS SUBMITTED HIS LIST OF PROPOSALS TO SECT AND REQUESTED PLENARY MEETING OF COMITE FEB 25 TO INTRODUCE SAME.

5. IN FURTHER SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, JAPANESE REQUESTED MEETING WITH US AND UK PM FEBRUARY 24 TO DISCUSS MEXICAN LIST AND TACTICS. THEY SAID JAPAN, ITALY AND NEW ZEALAND HAD DISASSOCIATED THEMSELVES FROM THE LIST BUT MANY OTHER REVIEW SUPPORTERS WOULD LUKEWARMLY CO-SPONSOR THE PAPER. THEY AGREED WITH US THAT MEXICO'S LIST CANNOT BE REGARDED AS LIST CALLED FOR IN PARA 1(C) OF MANDATE AND EXPRESSED VIEW OPTIMUM SCENARIO WAS TO SIDETRACK GONZALEZ GALVEZ LIST AND COMMENCE WORK ON MANDATED LIST UNDER TOPIC HEADINGS AND WITHOUT CHARTER CHANGE VS. NON-CHARTER CHANGE DIVISION. THEY BELIEVE STARTING SUCH A LIST BUT NOT FINISHING IT WOULD BE BEST WAY OF AVOIDING GA INTERFERENCE IN COMITE MANDATE WHICH THEY REGARD AS APPROPRIATELY MODERATE.

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6. WE SHALL REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH JAPANESE ON THE ONE HAND AND SOVIETS ON THE OTHER WITH VIEW TO ACHIEVING GOALS SET FORTH REFTEL A OR AT LEAST SHOWING MODERATES OUR RELATIVE FLEXIBILITY WITHOUT BREAKING WITH SOVIETS.
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